

economic time, I can think of many other important things Connecticut families can spend \$6 million to buy instead of paying to support the greed of over speculations. With consistently some of the highest gas prices in the nation, Connecticut deserves better.

One of the ways to reduce the price of gas is to end excessive speculation. The CFTC has a job to protect American consumers and through the Wall Street Reform legislation passed last Congress, they were tasked with implementing rules the market has to follow including ending excessive speculation and setting position limits.

To carry these regulatory protections out, the CFTC needs funding. Republicans have not only written language to delay implementation of these protections, but now in the FY12 Appropriations bill they put forth legislation to cut the budget by 15 percent, 44 percent under the President's request. This is unconscionable, especially when CFTC is doing a good job.

Less than a month ago, the CFTC charged 5 oil speculators with manipulating the price of crude during the record high gas prices in the summer of 2008. The Republican funding cut to the CFTC sends a strong message to the industry to continue the status quo. Not only will the cut prevent the agency from hiring the technical experts needed to implement new regulations, but will also reduce the overall size from 670 employees to under 600 employees.

When President Bush left office, the CFTC oversaw a \$40 trillion market. Today, the CFTC is tasked with overseeing a \$300 trillion market. This is a 650 percent increase in the CFTC's responsibility, but at the same time their budget has only increased by 15 percent. It is irresponsible to take away funding leaving the agency stretched far too thin and inadequately prepared to deal with our ever more intricate market. Wall Street spent \$34 million last quarter lobbying Congress in order to prevent implementation of new regulations, and it looks like their efforts have paid off.

The health of our economy is no game. I am outraged by the actions of my colleagues. I support my amendment to fully fund the CFTC and reject this appropriations bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAILORS
MOBILIZED FROM THE NAVY
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT CENTER
SACRAMENTO

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women of the Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 9, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18, Detachment 0818 and other mobilized Sailors from the Navy Operational Support Center Sacramento, as they gather for a welcome home ceremony. I ask all my colleagues to join with me and recognize the dedication that each of these men and women have shown their country.

Since 2008, 215 Sailors have been deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom, and across the world in support of U.S. operations. These men and women have displayed the honor, courage, commitment, and teamwork that we have come to expect from those that serve in our military.

Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 9, also known as MSRON 9, provided over 18,000 days of operational support to protect the Al Basrah Oil Terminal, which lies just offshore of the Iraqi coast. The oil terminal is one of the most important assets to the people of Iraq, accounts for over 85 percent of Iraq's gross domestic product, and is key to the country's future. For nearly a year, MSRON 9 provided vigilant security for the facility, and without their presence the people of Iraq would not have experienced much of the stability they have seen in recent years.

In Afghanistan, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18, Detachment 0818 provided over 16,000 days of operational support building schools, airfields, electrical infrastructure, and other such facilities across the country. Facing constant danger, they have brought hope and modern infrastructure to many Afghans. One Sailor, UT1 Ronald Christopher Marquart, was hit by rocket shrapnel while working at Kandahar Airfield and was awarded a Purple Heart.

All of the Sailors of MSRON 9, NMCB 18, and the subordinate commands at the Naval

Operations Support Center Sacramento are Reservists, called up to serve their nation. They have spent a great deal of time away from their families, often at extraordinary personal sacrifice. For this reason, we must also thank and acknowledge the families and friends of these Sailors who stood by them while they were deployed. Their sacrifices, along with the sacrifices of their loved ones, should not be lost on Congress or our constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending my sincere thanks for a job well done, and welcome home to the men and women of Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron 9, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 18, Detachment 0818 and all Naval Reservists that have been called to serve.

IBM CENTENNIAL DAY

HON. NAN A.S. HAYWORTH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Ms. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the largest employer in New York's 19th Congressional District, IBM, on the 100th anniversary of their founding. IBM employees, retirees, partners, and clients within the Lower Hudson Valley and around the world are hosting an IBM Centennial Day of Service to donate their time, skills, and expertise to support our communities.

Since 2003, IBM employees have donated more than 13 million hours of service around the world in over 120 countries. Within the last six months alone, IBM volunteers have contributed over 2.5 million hours to service in behalf of worthy causes, including teaching math and science to middle school students; mentoring young Uruguayans from impoverished neighborhoods; and coaching hundreds of small business entrepreneurs in Nigeria.

\$12 million in service grants are also being distributed as part of the IBM Centennial Day of Service, and I commend both IBM and its thousands of dedicated and talented employees for their generosity.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 17

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2012.

SR-232A

JUNE 20

2 p.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine 2050, focusing on implications of demographic trends in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region.

2247, Rayburn Building

JUNE 21

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity and data protection in the financial sector.

SD-338

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt, Michael H. Corbin, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, and Matthew H. Tueller, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait, all of the Department of State.

SD-419

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine senior hunger and the "Older Americans Act".

SD-430

2 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine spending less, owing less, growing the economy. 1100, Longworth Building

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Bryson, to be Secretary, and Terry D. Garcia, of Florida, to be Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce.

SR-253

Judiciary

Crime and Terrorism Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine cybersecurity, focusing on evaluating the Administration's proposals.

SD-226

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine evaluating goals and progress in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

SD-106

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine inspiring students to Federal service.

SD-342

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JUNE 22

10 a.m.

Finance

To hold hearings to examine preventing overpayments and eliminating fraud in the unemployment insurance system.

SD-215

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the next steps for securing rail and transit.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine intellectual property law enforcement efforts.

SD-226

10:15 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine manufacturing in the United States, focusing on why we need a national manufacturing strategy.

SH-216

10:30 a.m.

Appropriations

Department of Defense Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine outside witness statements.

SD-192

11:30 a.m.

Library

Organizational business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure and budget for the 112th Congress.

SC-6, Capitol

Printing

Organizational business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure and budget for the 112th Congress.

SC-6, Capitol

1:30 p.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine transforming lives through diabetes research.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher Droney, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Robert David Mariani, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Cathy Bissoon, and Mark Raymond Hornak, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Robert N. Scola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

SD-226

JUNE 23

9:30 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine farm bill accountability, focusing on the importance of measuring performance, while eliminating duplication and waste.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Federal regulation, focusing on a review of legislative proposals.

SD-342

2:15 p.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the "Indian Reorganization Act" 75 years later, focusing on restoring tribal homelands and promote self-determination.

SD-628

Foreign Relations

Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs Subcommittee
International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection Subcommittee

To hold joint hearings to examine Haiti, focusing on reinvigorating aid under Martelly.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Water and Power Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 500, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal features of the electric distribution system to the South Utah Valley Electric Service District, S. 715, to reinstate and transfer certain hydroelectric licenses and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects, S. 802, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, S. 997, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend a water contract between the United States and the East Bench Irrigation District, S. 1033, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, water recycling and reuse project, and S. 1047, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment of 1992 to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to take actions to improve environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel in Lake County, Colorado, an original bill entitled, "Bureau of Reclamation Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2011", and an original bill entitled, "Fort Sumner Project Title Conveyance Act".

SD-366

Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of David H. Petraeus, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

SH-216

JUNE 29

2:30 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-418